

he encountered knew Jesus and were treated with the dignity and respect they deserved in all facets of their lives.

During Rev. Dunlap's tenure as an A.M.E. minister, he participated and held positions some examples of his contributions: Special Consultant to the North Carolina Fund, which evaluated community action programs for the state of North Carolina; Faculty member and Vice President of Kittrell College in North Carolina; Chairman, Carolina Ford Fellowship; Chairman, Board of Directors for United Community Action; Director of Direct Action, Chicago's Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Chairman, Chicago Action Committee; Member, Board of Directors, Urban Training Center for Christian Mission; Chairman, 4th Episcopal Mass News Media, A.M.E. Church; Special Consultant to the late Bishop Frederick Jordan, Ecumenical Relations, National A.M.E. Church; Vice President, Danville, VA Ministerial Alliance; member of the Des Plaines Ministerial Alliance; Professor of Urban Programs for the Meadville Theological Seminary, affiliated with the University of Chicago; Director of Social Action, A.M.E. Ministerial Alliance of Chicago.

Although Rev. Dunlap was very involved as a minister, he also found time to become involved in civic and political organizations. Some of these organizations and affiliations included Rev. Dunlap's Charter Membership in the Prince Edward County Christian Association, an organization that placed black pupils in schools after they had been closed to avert integration in Prince Edward county Virginia; Charter Membership in the Danville Christian Progressive Association, an organization that broke down racial segregation in education and employment; Charter membership in the Halifax County Voters Movement that registered 100,000 new voters in eastern North Carolina; Charter membership in the Coalition for United Community Action that helped break down discrimination in the Chicago Construction industry; the First Executive Director and founding member of Black Contractors United; President of the Dr. Martin Luther King Coalition in Chicago; Member of the Chicago Urban League; Chairman of the 2nd Congressional District of North Carolina; Chairman of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina voter Education Project.

While A.I. was busy bringing people to Jesus and helping to create a better world for all, he also had a family. A blind date in Atlanta led him to the love of his life and wife of 44 wonderful years, Margaret Della Princess Esther Lee Dunlap, who predeceased him on October 29, 2004. To that union four children were born: Michele Arnita, Alexander, Jr., Michael Andre and "baby" Barbara Andrea. He was a devoted husband and a generous and caring father. He would often state how people were amazed with all that he did that he had time to have one child, much less four. A.I. loved music and played the trumpet for many years, loved sports (especially basketball), was an avid reader, and an exceptionally skilled poker player.

Through his efforts, A.I. helped open doors to African Americans in construction, education, housing and employment. He was responsible for helping to write some of the first Affirmative Action Programs for companies like Sears Roebuck and Co., Dearborn Park, CNA Financial, and Montgomery Ward to name a few. He sued the City of Chicago for the right

to March in Marquette Park, one of the most segregated neighborhoods in Chicago in the 70s. For the city's failure to provide adequate protections for their peaceful demonstration, A.I. sued the City of Chicago and won his case in *DUNLAP v. CITY OF CHICAGO* (435 F.Supp. 1295 (1977)).

These are just a few examples of the long-lasting impacts that Rev. Dunlap made towards the greater objective of creating a more loving and just society.

While the family of Shepherd A.I. Dunlap will miss him, we do not mourn his death. We are so grateful to God Almighty that he allowed him to be with us for 82 years. He leaves the following persons happy about his life—his children: Michele (Donald), Haughton; Alexander, Jr. (Darlene); Michael (Ophelia); Barbara; grandchildren: Nikhitut, Anjelica, Isaiah, Jillian, Chelsea, great-granddaughter Camia; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and a myriad of friends.

CONGRATULATING MAX BROWNE

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an exceptional young man, Max Browne, who was recently named the 2012–2013 Gatorade National Football Player of the Year.

Max Browne grew up in the district 1 represent, Washington's 8th. At 6 feet 5 inches and 218 pounds, he became Skyline High School's star quarterback this year, leading the Spartans to a 14–0 record and a Class 4A state championship this fall. Browne passed for 4,526 yards, 49 touchdowns and just five interceptions.

Max Browne is not only an exceptional athlete; he is an extraordinary human being. While a star quarterback at Skyline High School in Sammamish, Washington, he maintained a 3.50 GPA, was a three-time Skyline High Student of the Month Citizenship Award recipient and volunteered on behalf of Issaquah Parks and Recreation, the Sammamish/Issaquah Young Life ministry and as an intern with G2 Physical Therapy. He has also worked with Generation Joy and raised funds to benefit cancer research.

This is the second Gatorade State Player of the Year award for Max Browne, who broke the state record for career passing yards and completions this year, surpassing Detroit Lions quarterback and Gatorade Washington Player of the Year Kellen Moore. His second award was presented by Seattle Seahawks rookie Russell Wilson, an added bonus to the wonderful honor.

I am incredibly proud of this young man. The Gatorade Player of the Year program recognizes outstanding athletic excellence, academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field. It is an honor to represent him as a constituent, and I know that he will set an example for his teammates for years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LEONILA VEGA

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 20, 2012

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, on November 19, 2012, the movement to improve direct care jobs lost a fearless and spirited leader when Leonila Vega passed away after battling cancer for fourteen months. As an advocate for direct care workers—the more than four million workers who assist elders and people living with disabilities—Leonila fought to improve wages, access to benefits, and respect for the profession. Born in rural Mexico, Leonila came to the United States as a teenager eager for the opportunity to pursue an education. She taught herself to speak and read English, worked her way through college, and went on to earn a law degree. As a disability rights attorney in Wisconsin, Ms. Vega developed a reputation as a ferocious advocate for the elderly and people living with disabilities. Her cases exposed her to the plight of direct care workers—many of whom are immigrant women—and she saw firsthand the challenges they faced, working long hours for little pay and no benefits, entrusted with the lives of their clients while suffering an alarming lack of respect. Her desire to improve life for these caregivers led her to become the Executive Director of Direct Care Alliance. At Direct Care Alliance, Ms. Vega worked to eliminate the exploitation of direct care workers and its harmful effects on care quality by empowering numerous direct care workers to see the valuable role they play in society. As she said, it was her American dream to help others realize their potential. I admire Ms. Vega's work on behalf of direct care workers, immigrants and people of color, and am saddened that we have lost such a vivacious and dynamic leader.

Among the issues that Ms. Vega championed was the extension of the Fair Labor Standards Act to cover home care workers. Sadly, this essential workforce is excluded from these basic protections. Such poor working conditions hinder recruitment and retention which, in turn, negatively affect the quality of care that millions of Americans receive. Troubled by this injustice, Ms. Vega ensured that the issue remained at the center of Direct Care Alliance's agenda. I was inspired by her passion to improve direct care jobs and introduced the Direct Care Workforce Empowerment Act in 2010 and reintroduced a similar bill—the Direct Care Job Quality Improvement Act in 2011. One year ago, President Obama announced the Department of Labor's proposed rule to extend minimum wage and overtime protections to home care workers. Sadly, Ms. Vega did not live to see the rule finalized, but we will continue to fight to make things right for direct care workers, just as she would have done. The values that Ms. Vega fought to advance—respect and dignity for all people—are ones that everyone, regardless of political affiliation, shares and we must work together to move those efforts forward.